



# Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane reported an unexpected decline last month, falling by 2.1 million barrels (MMB) to an estimated 59.7 MMB as of September 30, 1999. Stock draws, for the most part, are not typical for this time of year; the last September stock draw occurred during 1991. However, U.S. inventories remain well within the normal range for the start of the 1999-2000 heating season.
- Regional inventories turned lower in all major areas of the Nation last month except in the East Coast which reported a 0.3 MMB gain. Midwest inventories fell by 0.5 MMB, while Gulf Coast inventories declined by nearly 1.9 MMB. East Coast inventories continued well above the normal range during September, while Midwest inventories remain within the normal range at this same time. Gulf Coast inventories remain at the lower limit of the normal range during this same period.
- **This issue will be the final release of propane inventory data on a monthly basis. From October through March 2000, the EIA will provide inventory data, in addition to propane wholesale and residential price data, on a weekly basis. However, because of the Columbus Day holiday, the first weekly issue of the *Propane Watch* will be released on Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**

## Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	August 1998	September 1998	Month Ending				
			05/31/99	06/30/99	07/31/99	08/31/99	09/30/99
East Coast (PADD I)	5,213	5,526	3,330	3,530	<sup>R</sup> 4,999	<sup>E</sup> 5,579	<sup>E</sup> 5,919
Midwest (PADD II)	31,342	32,859	20,282	23,158	<sup>R</sup> 25,268	<sup>E</sup> 28,117	<sup>E</sup> 27,589
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	32,805	34,331	21,262	22,649	<sup>R</sup> 24,974	<sup>E</sup> 25,886	<sup>E</sup> 24,034
Total (PADD I-III)	69,360	72,716	44,874	49,337	<sup>R</sup> 55,241	<sup>E</sup> 59,582	<sup>E</sup> 57,542
U.S. Total	73,091	76,641	46,264	51,175	<sup>R</sup> 57,400	<sup>E</sup> 61,786	<sup>E</sup> 59,671

E=Estimated data.

R=Revised.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

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